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SUBJECT : Cuban Petroleum Industry

Attached is a brief summary of the Cuban petroleum industry including two tables giving import and production data, per your request. Questions may be directed to the author, [redacted]

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### Cuban Petroleum Industry

Cuba currently consumes about 7.0 million tons of petroleum annually. Virtually all of its requirements must be imported -- some 4.5 million tons of crude to be processed locally and about 2.5 million tons in product form. (Table 1). All of the crude imports and most of the product imports are bought from the USSR, with the remainder coming from Rumania and Western Europe. Despite extensive exploration, domestic production of crude remains small. Output in 1972 fell to an estimated 100,000 metric tons, some 50% below the 1969 peak. (Table 2).

In an effort to meet growing demand, Cuba is currently expanding its annual refining capacity from about 4.2 million tons to 6.1 million tons. The Havana facility -- the island's largest -- is undergoing a 40% expansion to approximately 4.2 million tons. The Santiago de Cuba refinery -- Cuba's other major refinery -- is being nearly doubled in size to 1.8 million tons. Storage facilities are also being enlarged at both sites. In addition, the small installation at Cabaiguan is reportedly being expanded by 60% to slightly over 150,000 tons.

Table 1  
Cuba: Imports of Petroleum

	1,000 Metric Tons									
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971 a/	1972 a/
Crude petroleum	3,709	3,469	3,483	3,826	3,713	3,851	4,156	4,261	4,300	4,500
Gasoline	154	85	74	62	38	17	10 <sup>b/</sup>	46		
Gas-oil	11	186	181	251	312	277	447	483		
Fuel-oil	159	766	791	850	975	1,006	975	1,148	2,200	2,500
Grease and lubricants	53	65	68	68	69	80	87	92		

a. Estimates based on USSR exports to Cuba.  
b. Includes aviation gasoline.

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Table 2

Cuba: Domestic Petroleum Production

	1,000 Metric Tons							
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969 a/	1970 a/
Crude petroleum	31	37	57	69	116	199	213	175
Gasoline	777	752	810	778	857	850	900	905
Gas-oil	484	462	643	728	835	820	875	875
Fuel-oil	2,222	1,953	1,899	1,973	1,930	2,025	2,185	2,175
Lubricants	37	54	67	68	80	82	87	88
Kerosene	153	179	202	250	276	294	325	401

a. Estimated, except for kerosene.

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